



#18

DAE
#**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-175
Frederick W. Ryan, Jr., et al.) Group Art Unit: 3627
Serial No.: 09/634,041) Examiner: Joseph A. Fischetti
Filed: August 8, 2000) Date: June 11, 2003
Confirmation No.: 5187) Customer No. 00919

Title: **METHOD FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON
SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG**

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(a)**

Mail Stop - Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RECEIVED

JUN 17 2003

Applicants hereby petition for revival of this application.

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

1. Please charge Pitney Bowes Inc. deposit account No. 16-1885 the sum of \$700.00 for the filing of this petition.

2. Please charge Pitney Bowes Inc. deposit account No. 16-1885, for any additional fees that may be required to file this petition.

3. The above-referenced application was filed after June 8, 1995, and no terminal disclaimer is required.

4. The cause for the delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a) was unavoidable.

06/16/2003 AWONDAF1 00000041 161885 09634041

01 FC:1452 110.00 CH

5. On July 30, 2002, Applicants thought they timely replied to the July 11, 2002, Patent Office letter by filing an Appellants' Brief and a Letter of Transmittal of the Appeal Brief to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). A copy of the Appeal Brief and Letter of Transmittal are attached hereto and collectively labeled "Exhibit A".

6. Attached hereto as "Exhibit B" is a post card with a USPTO stamp affixed thereto indicating that the Transmittal of Appeal Brief (original + 1) and Appellants' Brief in triplicate were received on August 6, 2002.

7. Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment mailed June 6, 2003, indicating Applicants' failure to timely file a proper reply to a patent Office letter mailed July 11, 1002.

8. After receiving the June 6, 2003, Notice of Abandonment, Applicants carefully checked the file of the above-referenced patent application and noticed that the papers submitted as Exhibit A had a mistake in the heading. The serial number of the papers was erroneously written as 09/299,199, when it should have been 09/634,041.

9. The delay was unavoidable, because Applicants believed they had filed a timely and proper response to the July 11, 2002, Patent Office letter by filing an Appellants' Brief in triplicate and a letter of transmittal to the Appeal Brief on July 30, 2002. This belief was substantiated by the post card (Exhibit B) with the USPTO stamp affixed thereto indicating the Appellants' Brief was received on August 6, 2002. Until Applicants received notification that this application was abandoned, Applicants

believed that a proper response to the July 11, 2002, patent office letter was filed on July 30, 2002.

10. Enclosed herewith in triplicate are Appeal Briefs and a letter of Transmittal that correct the Brief filed on July 30, 2002.

11. In view of the above, will the USPTO please revive this application and have the Board of Appeals consider Applicants' Appeal Brief that is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Reichman

Reg. No. 26,796

Attorney of Record

Telephone (203) 924-3854

PITNEY BOWES INC.
Intellectual Property and
Technology Law Department
35 Waterview Drive
P.O. Box 3000
Shelton, CT 06484-8000

RECEIVED

JUN 17 2003

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

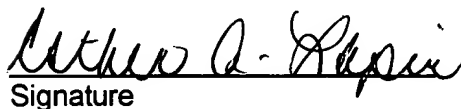
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop - Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on June 11, 2003
Date of Deposit

Esther A. Lapin
Name of Rep.



Signature

June 11, 2003
Date